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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Weh, et al.

Appl. No. : 09/445,945

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For : FILLING CONNECTION FOR
A GAS CYLINDER VALVE

Examiner : J. Fox

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

B' 15. (Amended) A filling connection for gas cylinder valves having an actuating element and a discharge connection on [the] a valve body of the gas cylinder valve, comprising a filling union provided on the valve body in addition to the discharge connection, the filling union extending along a longitudinal axis of the filling union and having a company/user specific form for coding that is matched to a corresponding filling coupling being used, wherein [with] the actuating element [being] is arranged opposite the discharge connection and at a side of the valve body.

Please cancel Claims 24, 27 and 28 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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